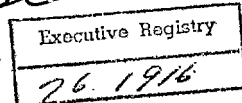


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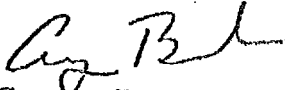
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Honorable Melvin Price, Chairman
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you may be aware, CIA has been working for some time on new estimates of trends in the ruble costs of Soviet defense programs. This is to inform you that our work is progressing well and that we expect to publish the results some time in the first two weeks of May. I am sure you will be interested in this publication and I will see to it that you get one of the first copies.

Sincerely,


George Bush
Director

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